

# SENATE BILL 109

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By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Expiration Date of Sentences – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a court sentence a defendant for a  
4 period of imprisonment that will expire between certain dates under certain  
5 circumstances; repealing a provision authorizing a court to sentence a  
6 defendant to a certain period of imprisonment that is less than the minimum  
7 punishment required under certain circumstances; and generally relating to  
8 criminal procedure and sentencing.

9 BY repealing

10 Article – Criminal Procedure

11 Section 6–227

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

17 [6–227.

18 (a) In sentencing a defendant to imprisonment, a court shall sentence the  
19 defendant for a period that will expire between the first day of April and the last day  
20 of August if the court considers it expedient to do so.

21 (b) In sentencing a defendant to imprisonment in compliance with subsection  
22 (a) of this section, a court may sentence the defendant to imprisonment for not less  
23 than 18 months if the punishment required for the crime is at least 2 years.]

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2    October 1, 2010.